### • THE NEW PLAYS •

"The Road to Happiness" a Rural Path for Hodge.

BY CHARLES DARNTON.

N ACTOR who has come from the soil with clay sticking to his boot as it were, is really worth more to our stage that a cargo of imported "Intent." A hearty watcome, accordingly, awaited William Hodge at Shubert Theatre last night. It was, above all, a welcome for The-Man

Oddly enough, Mr. Modge looked younger than when he left us in th day of his success. His checks were red-a bit too red-his hair was sould back. His personnitty was routed of much of its value by the Mt-up. There was gian a certain self-consciousness in his speech, par-starty when it took a humerous turn. Like time, "the road" works ingea. As for "The Stoad to Happiness" It proved little more than a rural

Lawrence Whitman's play suggests a "Way Down East" brought to Cen al New York. It is a co-mody of the aimple, nid-fashioned sort, with a arn and hay and a hen that knows her place. "The Hond to Happinese" and the Great White Way have little in common-but they may strike up a riendship for this very reason. After all, the great majority of playgoers

But at this late day we can hardly be expected to become intensely interested in a play that is concerned with a baby left on the doorstep of an old curmudgeon who immediately starts out to blacken the character of a perfectly innocent girl on such childlesh grounds as are supplied by the incanous author. In fact, every one but the cantankerous Hardenette takes the matter quite calmly. Even the accused girl is comparatively at case. It to only when Jim Whitman takes her into his mother's home that anything unusual happens. Then Jim finds himself in Hardcostle's barn with a coat -and-feathers as a possibility. To get out of this far-fetched situation To has merely to put his hand to a hip pocket, open a door and pull—a hand-kerchief! After Hardcastle has flourished his cane and hurled throats right and left it develops that the baby was left by his own son, who explains in the end that he was hard-up. So you see, gentle reader, there is nothing to shock you. It may be hard, but it's all perfectly straight.

Strange as it may seem, the simple play gave Mr. Hodge a great deal to talk about. As Jim he voiced is philosophy of life in a tireless nasal drawt. Mr. Hodge made the audience his friend from the beginning and he was amusing in a curtain speech dealing with the delicate subject of eggs to The way of livestock there was also an old gray horse that enjoyed the bepefit of Jim's spavin cure. This ancient steed had for its driver an endearing old failure called "Phil," and as this quaint codger, A. L. Evans achieved a real characterization. Marie Haynes as a bride-elect, of uncertain age but unmistakable tempor, and Howard Morgan as her timid sultor, played their unromantic little scene with apparently unconscious humor. Scott Cooper stormed away as old Hardcastle, much as James Lackage might have done in this role, and Ida Vernon was gentle and sweet as Jim's invalid mother.

But "The Road to Happiness" led to nothing but memories of plays long gone to seed.

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price of admission. an uproar. With her flock of seventy pigeons and the astounding eleverness of a the days of Montgomery and Stone black poodle, which serves as her partner in estehing hats thrown to in "The Wizard of Oz," when the two partner in catching hats thrown to him, the act of Miss Sylvia Loyal was him, the act of Miss Sylvia Loyal was leading funmakers of the company appeared as the Show Man and the Red Hot Stove.

Arthur Havel and company. They scored a hit when they appeared in an interesting comedy sketch, "Playmates." Havel is supported by a good

### "THE FROLICS OF 1915" A "PEP" BURLESQUE AT OLYMPIC THEATRE.

"The Frolies of 1915" is the burlesque at the Olympic Theatre this week and it is full of "pep," good dancing and singing. It is in two skits, "At Palm Beach"

and the "Battle of Allsouse." The principal comedian is Arthur Connelly, and he is ably assisted in his rictous funmaking by Frank Wesson. Jean Ryan, Anna Healy and Eva Lewis sang the latest songs sup-ported by a large beauty chorus. Others in the company are Ray Montgomery and George Collignal.

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